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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of November, 1990)

According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest report, the number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters increased slightly during November. The land crew total increased by two to 100, and the marine crew total stayed the same for a total of 123 crews and vessels, a net increase of two crews.

The November total (123) represents an increase of 2% over last month, a 5% decrease from November, 1989, a 21% decrease from November, 1988, a 38% decrease from November, 1987, a 22% decrease from November, 1986, a 64% decrease from November, 1985, and **a decrease of 75% from the same month in 1984.**

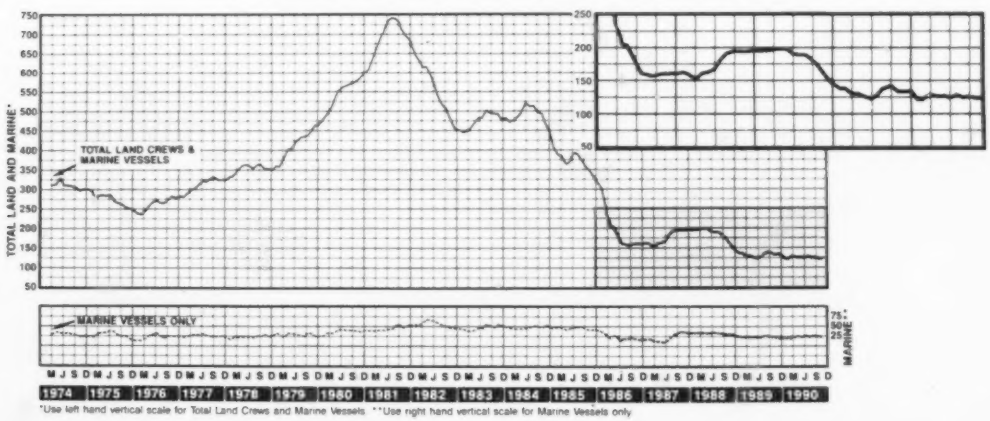
During November, two contractors were operating three of the 94 land crews and none of the twenty marine vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Nov.'89	Nov.'88	Nov.'87	Nov.'86	Nov.'85	Nov.'84
	123	121	129	155	198	158	346	493

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Nov. 1989	Nov. 1988	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1984	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Nov. 1989	Nov. 1988	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1984
35 Contr's:	94	91	99	114	155	121	273	407	20	21	17	25	25	15	35	42
4 Oil Co's:	6	7	10	13	15	18	32	37	3	2	3	3	3	4	6	7
1 Gov't:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	100	98	109	127	170	139	305	444	23	23	20	28	28	19	41	49

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)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*Use left hand vertical scale for Total Land Crews and Marine Vessels. **Use right hand vertical scale for Marine Vessels only.

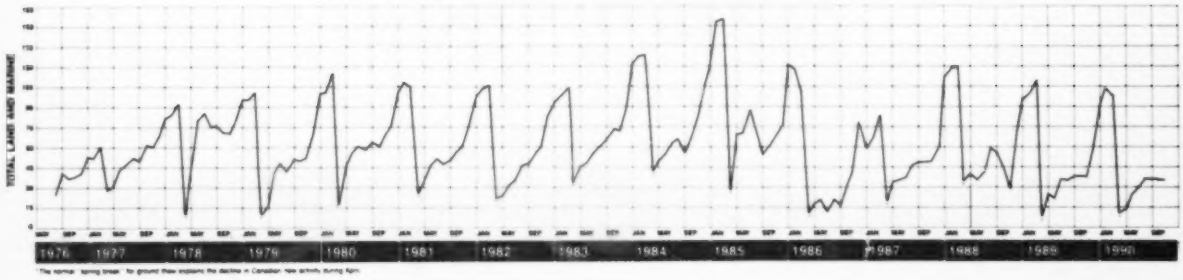
*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

November, 1990 (October figures in parentheses)

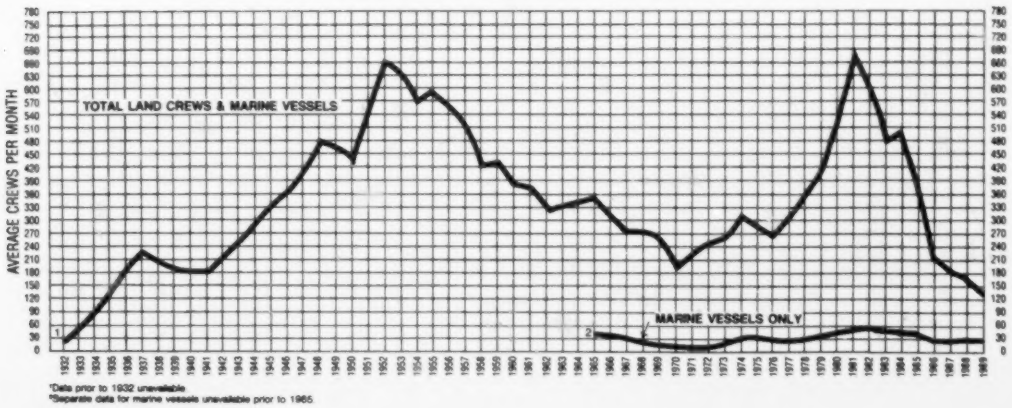
	Land Crews	Marine Crews
21 Contractors:	34 (35)	0 (1)
1 Oil Company:	1 (1)	0 (0)
Totals:	35 (36)	0 (1)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was instigated in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(Seismic crews searching for oil & gas.)


AVERAGE CREWS PER MONTH
TOTAL LAND CREWS & MARINE VESSELS
MARINE VESSELS ONLY
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*Data prior to 1932 unavailable
*Separate data for marine vessels unavailable prior to 1965